

STATE OF MONTANA



Governor's Proclamation



WHEREAS, Montana's forestland is one of our most important natural resources and plays an important role in defining our way of life and driving our economy; and

WHEREAS, Montana faces a forest of health crisis, with over 60 percent of its forested land facing significant health issues and an elevated risk of wildfire; and

WHEREAS, the State of Montana and its partners are working together to actively and meaningfully manage our lands to improve forest health and reduce wildfire risk across the state; and

WHEREAS, the landmark Shared Stewardship Agreement between the State of Montana and the U.S. Forest Service is increasing the pace and scale of forest restoration through greater collaboration; and

WHEREAS, active forest management delivers clear benefits including healthier forests, stronger wildlife habitat, enhanced recreational opportunities, more good-paying jobs, and less severe wildfires; and

WHEREAS, the hard-working men and women of Montana's forest products industry are good stewards of our resources, helping manage forests responsibly, strengthen the economy, and make forests healthier and more resilient;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Greg Gianforte, Governor of the State of Montana, do hereby proclaim October 20-26, 2026

MONTANA FOREST PRODUCTS WEEK

to promote the forest products industry and recognize its many contributions to Montana.

A blue ink signature of Greg Gianforte, written in a cursive style.

GREG GIANFORTE
Governor